

The EPA Report

Announcements from Region 9 Programs



February 4, 2009



Tribal Air Funding

- The deadline for FY10 proposals was January 9, 2009
- Tribes will be notified of their funding status after R9 receives final tribal allocation—Spring 2009 (tentatively)
- Contact: Sara Bartholomew at 415-947-4100 or bartholomew.sara@epa.gov



Ozone Designations

- In 2008, EPA finalized a more stringent Ozone standard
- In January 2009, EPA asked states and tribes to provide recommendations on which areas meet the new standard and which do not meet the new standard
- Recommendations are due March 12, 2009
- EPA will issue final ozone designations by March 12, 2010
- Contact: Colleen McKaughan at 520-498-0118 or mckaughan.colleen@epa.gov



Final PM 2.5 Designations

- In 2007, EPA finalized a more stringent PM_{2.5} standard
- Several R9 tribes submitted designation recommendations and comments; R9 responded and notified them about modifications
- EPA issued final 24-hour PM_{2.5} designations, and sent letters to all R9 tribes regarding their status in December 2008
- Contact: Colleen McKaughan at 520-498-0118 or mckaughan.colleen@epa.gov



Upcoming ITEP Training

February 10-12	Gaseous Pollutants Monitoring	Las Vegas, NV
March 2-6	Air Quality Computations	Flagstaff, AZ
March 17-20	Management of Tribal Air Programs and Grants	Kansas City, MO
March 24-26	GIS for Air Quality	Las Vegas, NV
March 3-April 2	Indoor Air Quality in Tribal Communities	Seattle, WA

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<http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiaqtp.asp>

Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) RFP

- Around \$3 million will be available in 2009 to support community-based partnerships to reduce pollution at the local level through the Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) program.
- EPA anticipates awarding CARE cooperative agreements in two levels.
 - Level I cooperative agreements range from \$75,000 to \$100,000 and will help establish community-based partnerships to develop local environmental priorities.
 - Level II awards, ranging from \$150,000 to \$300,000 each, will support communities which have established broad-based partnerships, have identified the priority toxic risks in the community, and are prepared to measure results, implement risk reduction activities, and become self-sustaining.
- Applications for the CARE grants are due March 16, 2009. Eligible applicants include county and local governments, tribes, non-profit organizations and universities. EPA will conduct three conference calls, Feb. 3, 24 and 27, for prospective applicants to ask questions about the application process.
- Additional information can be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/CARE>
- Request for Proposals (RFP) is now available on-line at: http://www.epa.gov/air/grants_funding.html#0902

NEW Tribal Solid Waste Team member

- The US EPA Tribal Solid Waste Team has a new member!
- **Who:** Chuck Swanson
- **Liaison to:** Arizona and Colorado River-area tribes
- **Phone:** 415-947-4219
- **Email:** swanson.charles@epa.gov



New Workload Distribution for the Tribal Solid Waste Team

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/tribal/index.html>

- **Heather White** - Supervisor and southern Arizona
 - **Michelle Baker** - Northern California (north of Bakersfield) and Eastern Sierras
 - **Nancy Sockabasin** - Nevada and Southern California
 - **Chuck Swanson** - Arizona and Colorado River-area
 - **Larry Danos** - Circuit Rider
- Contact: Heather White at 415-972-3384 or white.heather@epa.gov



Next Green Casino Training

- EPA Region 9 is looking for a tribal partner to co-sponsor the next “Tribal Green Casino Workshop” (in FY09)
- Tribal co-sponsor would provide space for the 1-day workshop and ideally a tour of their facility
- EPA will organize the speakers and other logistics
- Contact: Heather White at 415-972-3384 or white.heather@epa.gov



2009 Tribal Resource Conservation Funds Available

- **Purpose:** Preserve and restore land by using innovative waste management practices and by reducing the risks posed by releases of harmful substances. Projects may include studies, surveys, demonstrations, training, and public education programs.
- **Deadline:** Proposals must be postmarked or submitted to Grants.gov by 5 PM Pacific Standard Time on **February 20, 2009**
- **Awards:** EPA Region 9 anticipates awarding approximately 3-5 grants, ranging in size from \$20K-\$50K
- **For more information:**
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/solid/funding.html>
- **Contact:** Nancy Sockabasin at 415-972-3772 or sockabasin.nancy@epa.gov



ADEQ Recycling Grant Available Now!

- Purpose: Increase awareness to properly reduce and dispose of solid waste, and to encourage participation in source reduction, reuse and recycling opportunities. Collaboration for community partnerships are encouraged.
- Eligible Applicants: Tribes, nonprofit organizations, private enterprises, government entities
- Funding Available: \$1.2 million
- Deadline: Thursday, March 12, 2009 by 3:00 p.m. (Arizona time)
- For More Information:
<http://www.azdeq.gov/envIRON/waste/solid/funding.html>



New Superfund Branch

- New Partnerships, Land Revitalization and Cleanup Branch
- Focus is on State, Tribal & Community Partnerships
- Includes:
 - Community Involvement Office
 - Brownfields & Land Revitalization Program
 - Site Assessment & NPL Listing
 - State & Tribal Grants
 - Arizona Cleanup sites
- Contacts:
 - Elizabeth Adams, Assistant Director (415)-972-3183
 - Debbie Schechter, Brownfields & Site Assessment section (415)-972-3093
 - Dawn Richmond, Arizona & Navajo section (415)-972-3097
 - Dana Barton, Community Involvement section (415)-972-3087

GAP Deadlines

- Project Officers are now reviewing GAP proposals
- Final Applications are due to EPA (via GAP Online):
April 17, 2009
- Grants will be awarded no later than **September 30, 2009**
- Contact: Your GAP Project Officer with questions,
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/gap-officers.html>

April 2009 RTOC

- Location: Ron Dellums Federal Building (1301 Clay Street, Oakland, CA 94607)
- Date: April 28-30, 2009
- Public Transportation from Oakland Airport: Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), 12th St. Oakland City Center Station
- Contact: Tina Davis at 415-972-2784 or davis.tina@epa.gov

General Assistance Program (GAP) Workshop

- **When:** March 10 - 12, 2009
- **Where:** US EPA Region 9 Office – 75 Hawthorne St. San Francisco, CA
- **Who:** For new tribal environmental program staff who work under the GAP Program including Directors, Technicians, and finance personnel
- The class size will be limited to 50 Participants
- Registration form, draft agenda, and hotel information will go online shortly
- Contact: Tim Grant at 415-972-3783 or at grant.timothy@epa.gov

Eliminating Childhood Lead Poisoning and Using Lead Safe Work Practices

- On March 31, 2008, EPA issued a rule requiring the use of lead-safe practices and related actions aimed at preventing lead poisoning.
- Under this new EPA rule, beginning in April 2010, commercial contractors performing renovation, repair and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in homes, child care facilities, and schools built before 1978 must be certified and follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination.
- EPA has a new brochure with lead hazard information for families, child care providers and schools “***Renovate Right: Important Lead Hazard Information for Families, Child Care Providers, and Schools***”
- Contact: Dave Tomsovic at 415-972-3858 or tomsovic.david@epa.gov

Authorization of Lead-Based Paint Renovation Programs

- EPA recently issued program authorization guidance detailing how Tribes can apply for program implementation of the new regulatory requirement
- This guidance document has been developed to assist Federally-recognized Indian Tribes seeking authorization of Lead-Based Paint Renovation Programs pursuant to 40 CFR Part 745, Subpart E and Section 404 of the Federal Toxic Substances Control Act
- Contact: Dave Tomsovic at 415-972-3858 or tomsovic.david@epa.gov

For more information...

Visit the R9 EPA, RTOC website at:
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/rtoc.html>

Visit the Tribal Program Monthly Newsletter at:
http://www.epa.gov/region09/cross_pr/indian/newslet.html

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